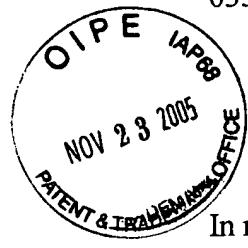


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In re Application of:)
TADASHI OKAMOTO ET AL.) : Examiner: E. DeJong
Application No.: 10/601,777) : Group Art Unit: 1631
Filed: June 24, 2003) :
For: A METHOD FOR ACQUIRING)
INFORMATION OF A BIOCHIP) :
USING TIME OF FLIGHT) :
SECONDARY ION MASS) :
SPECTROMETRY AND AN) :
APPARATUS FOR ACQUIRING) :
INFORMATION FOR THE) :
APPLICATION THEREOF) : November 21, 2005

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

A. Introductory Comments

In response to the Office Communication dated November 4, 2005, please amend the above-captioned application as follows and consider the following remarks.